

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A dolly for transporting a plurality of containers, said dolly comprising:

a frame formed of tubular metal having an inverted U-shape with a pair of vertically extending side members and a curved end extending between said side members, and having front and rear sides;

wheels for moving the dolly;

at least upper and lower support shelves mounted in a spaced relationship on the frame and extending outwardly from the front side of the frame in a cantilever manner for supporting containers thereon; and

a lid movably mounted on the frame providing a cover for a container supported on the upper shelf, said lid having an arcuate groove formed therein complementary to the curved end of the frame.

2. (original) The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one basket is mounted on the rear side of the frame and extends downwardly along said frame.

3. (original) The dolly as defined in claim 2 wherein the basket is a generally U-shaped metal mesh screen.

4. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 26 wherein the receptacle has a substantially straight first side extending along the frame, a curved bottom, and a second side terminating in a top end, said second side being biased toward the first side by the curvature of the bottom.

5. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 4 wherein the top end of the second side of the receptacle terminates in an outwardly curved configuration.

6. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 4 wherein a slot is formed on the first and second sides of the receptacle adapted to receive a cord therethrough.

7. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 22 wherein the upper and lower shelves are formed with a plurality of drainage holes.

8. (original) The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein the upper and lower shelves have upwardly extending side walls and a back wall.

9. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 30 wherein mounting brackets extend outwardly from the back wall of the shelves; and in which fasteners secure the brackets to the upright frame to mount said shelves on the frame.

10. (original) The dolly as defined in claim 8 wherein projections are formed on the back wall to assist in positioning the containers on the shelves.

11. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 30 wherein the side walls have curved portions which merge into the back wall.

12. (original) The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein the shelves are molded of plastic.

13. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 23 wherein the plastic is polypropylene.

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16. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 22 wherein a plurality of holes are formed on a pair of side frame members for adjustably mounting at least the uppermost shelf thereon.

17. (original) The dolly as defined in claim 1 further including a cord holder thereon.

18. (original) The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein a cutting mechanism is mounted thereon.

19. (original) The dolly as defined in claim 17 wherein the cord holder is mounted on the lid.

20. (original) The dolly as defined in claim 19 wherein a cutting mechanism is mounted on the lid adapted for cutting a cord.

21. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 22 wherein the lid is dome-shaped and has a latch adapted to engage the container placed on the upper support shelf.

22. (currently amended) A combination comprising a plurality of rigid containers and a dolly for removably holding and transporting said containers, each of said containers being substantially rectangular parallelepiped with a top opening; said dolly having an upright frame with at least upper and lower support shelves mounted in a stacked spaced vertical aligned relationship thereon for slidably receiving and supporting the containers thereon, said shelves having open fronts for horizontally removing and placing the containers thereon; a lid mounted on the frame and movable between open and closed position, said lid being

complementary in shape and size to the top opening of the container supported on the upper support shelf, said upper support shelf having upwardly extending side walls, a back wall, and a front rim for positioning the base of the container on the upper support shelf whereby ~~the top opening of the container is accurately positioned so that~~ said lid selectively matingly engages and closes the top opening of the container mounted on the upper support shelf when the lid is in a closed position with the top opening of the container.

23. (original) The combination defined in claim 22 wherein the dolly has an inverted U-shaped frame formed of tubular metal; and in which the shelves and containers are formed of plastic.

24. (previously presented) The combination defined in claim 22 wherein a pair of wheels are mounted on the frame for movably mounting the dolly.

25. (previously presented) The combination defined in claim 24 wherein a receptacle is mounted on and extends downwardly along an opposite side of the frame from the shelves.

26. (previously presented) The combination defined in claim 25 wherein the receptacle is formed of a U-shaped metal mesh screen.

27. (original) The combination defined in claim 22 wherein a cord holder and cutter mechanism is mounted on the lid.

28. (previously presented) The combination defined in claim 22 wherein the containers have a bottom wall and a plurality of sidewalls tapered inwardly downwardly from the top opening to said bottom wall.

29. (previously presented) The combination defined in claim 22 wherein a latch is formed on the lid and configured to clip over a rim defining the top opening of the uppermost container.

30. (previously presented) The combination defined in claim 27 wherein the cutter mechanism includes a cutting tongue located within the lid; and in which an access slot is formed in the lid to provide access for a cord to the cutting blade for severing a length of cord from the cord holder.

31. (previously presented) The combination defined in claim 30 wherein the lid includes a dome-shaped portion; in which the cutting tongue is located within said dome; and in which the slot is formed in the dome to provide access to the cutting tongue.

32. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 29 wherein projections are formed on the back wall to engage a back wall of the container to assist in positioning the container on the upper support shelf so that the lid properly engages the rim of the container.

33. (previously presented) The combination as defined in claim 22 whereby the side walls of the upper support shelf extend only partially upwardly along the container supported thereon.